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SUBJECT: JAPANESE CARRIERS STUDY POSSIBILITY OF VIETNAM FLIGHTS

1. SUMMARY: BOTH ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS (ANA) AND JAPAN AIR LINES (JAL) ARE INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF FLIGHTS TO VIETNAM, ANA LIKELY TO OPERATE SOME CHARTER FLIGHTS BY EARLY '78. JAL'S INTEREST VERY PRELIMINARY AND PROBABLY STIMULATED BY AT LEAST AT PRESENT RIVALRY WITH ANA. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, BOTH ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS (ANA), A SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND LIMITED OVERSEAS CHARTER OPERATOR, AND JAPAN AIR LINES (JAL), THE GOJ-DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL CARRIER, ARE STUDYING THE POSSIBILITIES OF JAPAN-VIETNAM FLIGHTS.

3. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH ANA OFFICIAL CONCERNED WHO CONFIRMED THAT, AS PART OF OVERALL SURVEY OF POTENTIAL SOUTHEAST ASIA CHARTER MARKETS, HE HAD VISITED HANOI IN LATE MARCH. HE FOUND SRV AVIATION AND TOURISM OFFICIALS "RECEPTIVE" TO IDEA OF TOURISM CHARTERS, THOUGH SOMEWHAT CONCERNED BY LACK OF TOURIST FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY IN HANOI AREA. ANA PLANS TO SEND TECHNICAL TEAM TO HANOI SHORTLY FOR FOLLOW-ON TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. AIRLINE HOPES TO BEGIN CHARTER SERVICE, USING B-727'S, AFTER
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JANUARY 1, 1978, WHEN HANOI'S VIEN PHU AIRPORT AND ITS 2800 METER RUNWAY ARE FULLY OPERATIONAL.

4. JAL HAS NOW, IN APPARENT PARALLEL MOVE, SENT ITS HONG KONG BASED REP TO HANOI TO SOUND OUT SRV OFFICIALS ON POSSIBILITIES OF SCHEDULED AS WELL AS CHARTER SERVICE. JAL OFFICIL HERE HAS TERMED TRIP "VERY PRELIMINARY STEP" IN LONG PROCESS OF

STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN-VIETNAM SERVICE. (JAL REPS FIRST VISITED HANOI IN AUGUST, 1976, TO DISCUSS OVERFLIGHT PROBLEM WHICH HAS YET TO BE RESOLVED.)

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE SOME ANA CHARTER FLIGHTS ARE POSSIBLE BY EARLY NEXT YEAR. JAL'S APPARENT INTEREST AT LEAST AT PRESENT CAN BEST BE ATTRIBUTED TO ITS RIVALRY WITH ANA.
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